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This is in response to the request for correction of patent application publication under 37 CFR 1.221(b), which was filed on June 14, 2004.

The request is DISMISSED.

The instant request is that the application be republished because the patent application publication contains a typographical error on the front page of the publication as the title of the invention is listed as "EFFICIENT TRANSMISSION OF QUARTER-VGA IMAGES USING DVC CODES" and not as "EFFICIENT TRANSMISSION OF QUARTER-VGA IMAGES USING DVC CODECS."

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¹Changes to Implement Eighteen-Month Publication of Patent Applications, 65 FR 57023, 57038 (Sept. 20, 2000), 1239 Off. Gaz. Pat. Office Notices 63, 75 (Oct. 10, 2000) (final rule).

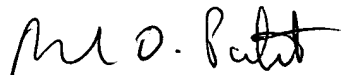
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